

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, April 23.—Business on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange last week foot up 147,849 shares stocks and \$22,000 bonds. The bulk of the trading was in low-priced mining shares. In the better class of industrial prices averaged lower, but with few exceptions the losses were fractional. Oil and gas shares were fairly steady, although the advance in various grades of crude oil stimulated little new business. The declaration of an initial dividend of 1 per cent. on Columbia Gas and Electric had been discounted, that stock remaining dull and closing 3/4 higher for the week.

The largest gain for the week was in La Belle Iron common, which advanced from 83 1/2 to 88. Westinghouse stocks were dull and heavy, Air Brake being offered down to 122 and Electric closing at 45 1/2. Saturday's sales were as follows:

Stocks—High.	Low.
100 A W G M pld...	100
20 Col-Bia G & E...	45
155 Crucible Steel...	60 1/2
110 Fireproofing...	6 1/2
50 Ind Brewing...	1 1/2
40 Do preferred...	10 1/2
80 La Belle Iron...	88
50 Mfrs L & H...	71 1/2
5,500 Mt Shasta...	50
35 Ohio Fuel Supply...	48 1/2
150 Pgh Consol...	50
600 Pgh-Jerome...	52
55 Pgh Plate G...	118 1/2
912 Pure Oil...	23 1/2
50 Sewer Pipe...	17

7,937	MEMBERSHIP.	2800
1 Pgh Stock Ex...	2800	
BONDS.		
11,000 Pgh Brew...	47	47

*New low record.

New York

NEW YORK, April 23.—During the two-hour session of the New York Stock Exchange on Saturday the sales amounted to 243,200 shares stocks and \$1,571,000 bonds. Transactions in Steel common foot up 44,700 shares within the range of 11 1/2 and 11 3/4. The market closing unchanged for the day at 11 1/2. The largest fluctuations were in Ohio Cities Gas, of which 19,000 shares changed hands at 138 1/2 to 134 1/2, closing at 135 1/2. Business in the remainder of the list was light and the net price changes so small as to have no significance.

Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Wheat prices underwent sharp setbacks Saturday, in fluenced to a considerable extent by news of serious disturbances in Germany and by unconfirmed rumors of revolutionary outbreaks in Hungary and Bulgaria. After fluctuations which covered a range of 10 1/2 cents, the market closed unsettled, 1 1/2 to 5/8 cent lower, with May at \$2.31 to July at \$1.98 1/2 to \$1.95 1/2. Corn lost 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents and oats 1/2 to 1 1/2 cents. Provisions finished unchanged to 7 1/2 cents down.

Articles.	Open.	Close.
May	\$2.32	\$2.31
July	2.98	1.98 1/2
September	1.76 1/2	1.76
Corn—		
May	1.40	1.40
July	1.38 1/2	1.36 1/2
Oats—		
May	.64 1/2	.64 1/2
July	.62 1/2	.62

Oil and Gas.

So far as development work applied to the Eastern fields, the week closed with no important discoveries and leaving the advance of 5 cents in the crude market the only feature. Producers and operators are of the opinion that the advance will be followed by another in the near future. It is well understood that the Eastern fields are not supplying enough crude to meet the demand and the source of a new supply is not now apparent.

More gas wells than oil producers comprise the late completions in the West Virginia fields. On Bens run, Liberty district, Marshall county, the Carnegie Natural Gas company drilled a test on the Elizabeth Emery farm through the Big Injun sand. It is a very good gasser in that formation. At the head waters of Hughes river, Clay district, Ritchie county, the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas Company completed a test on the John Marsh farm and got a gasser in the same formation.

In Union district, Pleasants county, Umpleby & Co. drilled a second test on the Joseph Adams farm through the Maxon sand. It is not good for more than five barrels a day. In West Union district, Doddridge county, located 1,000 feet southeast of production the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas company has a Big Injun sand gasser at a second test on the S. L. Ford farm.

Gassers are the result of late completions in Braxton county. In Salt Lick district, the Clayton Oil and Gas Company's test on the Jeffers heirs' farm, the Philadelphia Company's test on the M. J. Dawson farm and the Hope Natural Gas company's test on the Aldie Berry farm are all gassers in the Gordon sand. There is quite a showing of new work starting in Braxton county.

In Murphy district, Ritchie county, Park Bowser completed and shot in the Berea grit No. 3 on the T. J. Park farm. It is located 1,000 feet east of No. 1 and is showing for a 10 or 15-barrel pumper. On Middle Island

creek, Ellsworth district, Tyler county, the Hope Natural Gas company's test on the Archer Temperance farm is a gasser in the Keener sand. On Coon run, McClellan district, Doddridge county, the same company got a Big Injun sand gasser at No. 7 on the Robert Chabant farm.

On Miracle run, Battelle district, Monongalia county, the South Penn Oil company completed No. 7 on the Josephus Thomas farm. It is a fair gasser in the fourth sand. In Free man's Creek district, Lewis county, the Weston Carbon company has completed No. 4 on the Aggie Egan farm. It is a gasser in the Gordon sand. In the same district the Columbia Carbon company's test on the M. J. Lovett farm and the Reserve Gas company's test on the William Shearer farm are both gassers in the same formation.

On Reedy creek, Curtis district, Roane county, G. L. Cabott drilled his test on the Eugene Ball farm through the Berea grit and found that and all upper sands dry. On Road fork, Duval district, Lincoln county, the Wayland Oil and Gas company drilled its second test on the J. S. Burdett farm through the Berea grit and it is showing for a five-barrel pumper. In the same district the South Penn Oil Company has started to drill No. 82 on the Horse creek tract.

In Salt Lick district, Braxton county, the Clayton Oil and Gas company has made a location for a test on the H. H. Coberly farm. The same company is drilling a test on the William Borh farm. The test on the M. E. Shouldis farm is down 1,850 feet and still fishing. On Robinson fork, McClellan district, Doddridge county, B. A. Mann & Co. are starting a second test on the A. C. Balling farm.

On Little creek, Spencer district, Roane county, the East Side Oil company has started to drill a test on the Mary M. Greenfield heirs' farm. On Triplett run, Curtis district, G. L. Cabott is spudding in a test on the G. L. Epling farm. On Hays run, Smithfield district, the Columbia Gas company is due in the sand on the Patton-Holland farm. On Little Ten Mile creek, Sardis district, Harrison county, the Victoria Oil company, rigging up on the A. L. Aschcraft farm. The same company has made a location on the Della V. Rogers farm.

MONONGAH

First Practice

All of last year's players and several new ones responded to the first call for candidates for the Monongah baseball team yesterday afternoon. Although the grounds were found in a rather rough condition a good practice was held giving Managers Burton and Talbot a chance to get a line on the team. From now on practice will be held every Sunday afternoon and as many evenings as possible.

Rev. Cost to Preach

Announcement was made here yesterday morning that the Rev. J. F. Cost, of New Martinsville, would be at the local Baptist church on next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Cost comes to Monongah with an exceptionally good reputation and a large crowd should turn out to hear him. Just at present the Baptist church is without a pastor and it may be that the services of Rev. Cost will be secured.

Remodeling Store

The Honaker Pharmacy on the corner of Main and Bridge streets, is undergoing a thorough cleaning and being remodeled in many respects. The interior has been painted and within a few days much new equipment will arrive.

PERSONALS

Miss Ruth Leson, of Fairmont, was visiting friends and relatives in Monongah during the week-end.

Birch Davis was among the local people to visit the camp in Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Engle, of Fairview, was in town during the week visiting friends.

William Lee, of Uniontown, Pa., motored to Monongah yesterday morning where he visited friends.

Edward Charlton and Ernest Riggs were among the out of town visitors yesterday afternoon.

Miss Lella Letting and brother, George, were calling on friends in Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. L. Knight, of Fairmont, was in town during the week-end attending to shopping.

Miss Loraine Thorne, of Worthington, was in town.

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But for early crops this summer your ground must have well rotted manure, or commercial fertilizer. Of course any kind of manure will add humus to the soil, so don't refrain from manuring your ground just because you have no rotted manure and can't purchase the commercial fertilizer.

But be careful not to get the fresh manure near the seed or the sprouting plant.

Sheep manure will hurry plants along more rapidly than most chemical fertilizers.

If you started a compost heap early you can begin using it as soon as you take your first crop of lettuce, radishes and onions. Put the compost over this space and spade it under. That will supply plant food for the second crop of the same or another vegetable.

Be careful to save all grass cuttings, leaves, manure and vegetable scraps.

ton, was spending the week-end with friends here.

Miss Bonnie Fleming and Maasie Strickler and Carrie Brown were calling in Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

Miss Toothman of Fairview, was a week-end business transactor in Monongah.

BIG STRIKE ENDS

WHEELING, W. Va., April 23.—After a conference of about four hours, President I. M. Scott of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company signed the scale presented by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinplate Workers' Union last night. This marked the end of a strike of two weeks' duration, affecting 900 men and causing a suspension of operations at the plant. The increase in wages asked by the men is granted.

ODD, ISN'T IT?

M. Hilbert and Barbara Stien have asked that their father's will be set aside, as a mouse had eaten off their share.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Notice of Stockholders Meeting and Intention to Increase Amount of Authorized Capital Stock of the Virginia and Pittsburgh Coal and Coke Company.

Notice is hereby given that at a general meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia & Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Company, a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, will be held at its principal office in the Peoples National Bank Building, in Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, on the First day of May, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of considering the adoption of a resolution to increase the authorized capital stock of said corporation by increasing the number of shares of stock thereof, from 2000 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each, to 10,000 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each, so that such authorized capital stock shall hereafter be \$1,000,000.00, instead of \$200,000.00 as heretofore, and for the transaction of other business generally.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1917. VIRGINIA & PITTSBURGH COAL & COKE COMPANY, By R. M. Hite, President.

April 16, 23.

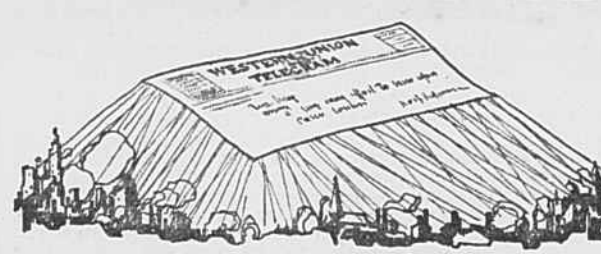
from the kitchen for this compost heap, to which, of course, must be added layers of manure, if possible.

If you can't get the manure, make a thin layer of earth cover the heap. I find that street sweepings are good compost heap material, and have a street to dump a load near my house now and then.

Accidental Shot Lands Man in Jail

Following the accidental discharge of a 22 caliber revolver yesterday, the bullet striking James Blake, of Ida May, in the arm, Walter Williams was arrested and placed in to county jail on a charge of carrying a revolver. Williams and Blake were fooling with the weapon in the company store at Ida May and when the gun went off a bullet lodged in Blake's arm. Sheriff Glover was called to the Helen's Run mine and brought Williams here. The bullet has been extracted.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of MONONGAHELA VALLEY TRACTION COMPANY will be held at the office of said company, Room No. 305 Watson building, in the city of Fairmont, West Virginia, on Monday, the 14th day of May, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of receiving a statement of the affairs of said company, for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business coming before said annual stockholders' meeting.

WALTON MILLER, Secretary, Monongahela Valley Traction Company. Apr 9-16-23-30

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

For Printing and Binding Current Volumes of West Virginia Supreme Court Reports.

Sealed proposals for printing and binding current volumes of the reports of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia will be received by the undersigned Attorney General, at his office in the Capitol, in the city of Charleston, until twelve o'clock, noon, Saturday, June 9, 1917, at which time and place said proposals will be opened. After a bid is submitted it cannot be withdrawn.

The contract awarded to the successful bidder shall be for four years, beginning on the second Wednesday in June, 1917. A bond in the penal sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract, with two good and sufficient sureties residing in this State, or with a surety company authorized to do business in this State, shall accompany each proposal.

Blank forms of bonds, proposals and specifications will be furnished on application.

An act of the recent legislature provides that these books may be bound in the best quality of law calf or United States standard buckram of best quality.

The right to reject any and all proposals is reserved.

E. T. ENGLAND, Attorney General, Charleston, West Virginia. April 11, 1917. 4-16-23-30-5-7

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HELP WANTED—MALE

MEN WANTED—Steady employment. Helmick Foundry Machine Co. 3-21-17 No. 1982

WANTED—Good mechanic. Straight time. Apply Newcomer Auto Sales Co. 3-17-17 No. 2048

MEN WANTED — To learn barber trade. Top wages after few weeks. Write Moler Barber College, 324 W. 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio. 4-2-25-17 No. 2133

WANTED—150 men for shaft work at Downs Station, W. Va. Muckers, drillers, runners, etc. Good wages. Long job. Apply on works April 25th. H. M. Miller, contractor. Take B. & O. or electric car. 4-21-17 No. 2242

WANTED

WANTED TO RENT—Improved farm, close in. Call phone 651-L. 4-17-17 No. 2216

WANTED—Two good boarders. Prices reasonable. 419 East Park Ave. Bell phone 355-R. 4-19-17 No. 2227

OLD FALSE TEETH WANTED—Don't matter if broken. I pay one to ten dollars per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Mazer, 2007 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 4-20-17 No. 2233

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Lot on Walnut Ave. 50 by 120; contains five room cottage. Apply 607 Sixth St. 4-14-17 No. 2202

FOR SALE—Refrigerator, table, folding cot. Call 510 J Bell telephone. 4-23-17 No. 2245

FOR SALE—Household goods in good condition. Bell Phone 766 W. 4-23-17 No. 2244

SPECIAL NOTICES

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY

BALTIMORE, Md., April 16, 1917.—The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of One Dollar and a Half (\$1.50) per share on its Capital Stock, payable April 30th, 1917, to the stockholders of record at the close of business April 25th, 1917. The transfer books will remain open. Dividend checks will be mailed.

T. K. STUART, Assistant Treasurer.

4-15-17 No. 2215

ROOMS—FURNISHED

FOR RENT—Room nicely furnished suitable for two young ladies. Apply at 1015 Center St. Locust avenue. 3-15-17 No. 2013

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SALE OR EXCHANGE

ONE new tight four Regal automobile for sale or trade. Five passenger electrical equipped. The Farmington Motor Car Co., Farmington, W. Va. 4-15-17 No. 2215

ROOMS—UNFURNISHED

FOR RENT—3-room basement, water and gas, \$12 per month, 6th street near Fairmont avenue. 4-15-17 No. 2224

POULTRY AND SUPPLIES

FOR SALE—Columbia Wyandotte eggs for hatching 200 egg strain. D. I. Michael, Broomfield, W. Va. 3-21-17 No. 2027

MONEY TO LOAN

THE BUCKEYE SAVING AND LOAN company of Bellaire, O., has money to loan on desirable real estate. See Paul G. Armstrong, Attorney, 41-43 Trust Bldg., 7th Floor, Fairmont, W. Va.

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED — Girl for general house work; good wages. Bell 427-W. Small family. 4-19-17 No. 2225

WANTED—Maid for general house work. Must have good references. Two in family. No children. Mrs. John G. Smyth, Country Club Road. 4-21-17 No. 2241

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